

February 27, 2006

Rick Applegate
City of Portland
Bureau of Environmental Services

RE: Trustee Information Needs Related to Integrated Remedial Investigation and Natural Resource Damage Assessment Efforts

Dear Rick,

The Trustees would like to thank the City of Portland for continuing to work cooperatively with us for the Portland Harbor NPL Site. The Trustees received the City's proposal for lamprey studies. We share your interest in integrating remedial investigation and natural resource damage assessment efforts.

EPA and its government partners have been cooperating to efficiently obtain the relevant information to locate sources, characterize contamination, assess risks and develop risk management approaches for the Lower Willamette River NPL site since 2000. Completion of several tasks by the LWG documents the significant progress that we have collectively made in our joint efforts.

As you know, EPA has recently provided direction regarding data needs for the third, and possibly final, round of data collection including that required to support the risk assessment for the Site.

The Trustees have in previous correspondence explained the value of coordination of investigations such that our respective CERCLA response and restoration responsibilities can be simultaneously satisfied. This approach can promote universal settlement of hazardous substance release liabilities. So, in addition to participating in the remedial planning process, ultimately to protect our trust resources, the Trustees look forward to working with the City (and possibly others) to construct a complementary information set to support our injury and restoration scaling decisions.

A complete inventory of potential additional studies that could help inform the natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) process is beyond the scope of this letter; however, a substantial subset of these studies that are especially important to the Trustees are those involving lamprey and sturgeon. In an effort to promote our recommended integrative approach to the remedial investigation (RI) that makes it possible to combine sampling efforts, etc., we wish to make our information needs clearly known as soon as we can. Attached as Appendix 1 is a conceptual overview of lamprey and sturgeon studies that the Trustees believe could provide useful information for hazardous substance risk management decision making process.

The Trustees intend to present the City with this suite of study concepts to promote the option to incorporate these studies into RI data collection efforts where that is reasonably

possible. We look forward to working with the City to identify specific data acquisition task(s), etc., and the Trustees' share the City's interest in ensuring that data collection requirements can be met in a coordinated, cost effective manner. In furtherance of this end, we are also copying this letter to EPA and parties involved in the Portland Harbor RI/FS.

The Trustees are steadfast in our commitment to the cleanup and restoration of the Lower Willamette River in a manner that is expedient and economically prudent. The Trustees would like to discuss consensus opportunities with the City at your earliest convenience to achieve our mutual goal of cleanup and restoration of the Lower Willamette River.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Madden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" and "M".

Erin Madden
Chair

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